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## MEETING OF CHIEF DEMOCRATS OF EACH STATE PLANNED

**The Big Love Feast is to be Held in New York to Patch up Existing Differences if That be Possible.**

**Chairman of New York State Committee has a Great Deal of Faith That People Have Misjudged Hearst, but That the Man will Eventually Land in Presidential Chair—Says Hearst will Lay Low.**

New York, February 6.—William James Connors, of Buffalo, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, just out of a sick bed, with his family, has left the Waldorf-Astoria for Palm Beach. Mr. Connors goes to Florida to recuperate, it being evident to those who saw him that he is still far from being a well man. Just before taking his departure, chatting with a group of politicians of the future of the Democratic party, Chairman Connors let drop some interesting things. In the group were well known men prominent in the politics of various states. Chairman Connors said that he and others were arranging for a meeting in this city in the near future of the Democratic organization of each state in the Union.

"It is the object to get together here in New York every State Chairman in the United States. We want to get our legs together under the table and have a heart-to-heart talk. We want to thrash out all differences, let them become things of the past, and then get down on a firm footing to help the good old Democratic party. The attempt that is to be made will be to get all factions together in one common cause."

"After these practical politicians and the Chairmen of the State Committees of each state have got through with their business, it is the hope that we can then call together in groups, from time to time, and as soon as possible, the recognized Democratic leaders of the various states, with the same object in view. This can be, and no doubt will be worked out all right. Then we will be able to present to the Republicans, as a working force at least, a solid and united front."

When asked what he thought of the outlook for his party Chairman Connors said:

"I believe that as to the next Presidential nomination it will hinge so far as the Democrats are concerned upon results in New York State. If things work out as I believe they will I think you will find that the next Democratic candidate for Presidential honors will be a New Yorker. We want to nominate a strong man for Governor of this state. From the experience I had in the last state election, I am certain such a man can win the Gov."

ernorship. You would then very likely find the Democratic machinery of every state in this country huddling for that man to obtain the Presidential nomination. A successful New York Democrat would, in my opinion, sweep the country."

"As matters stand at present," it was said to him, "who do you look upon as strong Democratic Presidential timber?"

"Right now," said Chairman Connors, "I believe Wm. J. Bryan has the inside track. But later on this all may change, and no doubt it would change decidedly with a Democratic Governor of New York State."

Chairman Connors said that no man the least wise in political affairs would overlook William Randolph Hearst.

"He is not only an able man, but he is a real politician," said Mr. Connors. "A thoroughly game man, a man of convictions and a splendid fighter. He is a tremendous power with the great mass of the people who have faith in him. Keep your eye on Mr. Hearst, for he is coming fast. But I believe if I was in his place (and I judge that is his own plan) I would lay low for a time. But it is not unlikely that the Democrats will again want him to take up the fight for Governor. If such proves the case I think he will win."

"Should he succeed he would stand an excellent chance of getting into the White House. He would have been elected this last campaign had the municipal ownership managers exhibited any kind of judgment throughout that campaign, and if we had money to throw out in the state like the Republicans did. I believe the next battle will be fought on the lines of conservatism and radicalism."

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tered the room a few minutes before arose and said that any one who said that Cowart went to New York to see him was a liar.

The witness understood that Senator Bailey meant him and he arose in his seat and declared emphatically that he would allow no man to call him a liar. He asserted that he was not a willing witness, but so help me God, I will allow no man to call me a liar," he shouted.

Sensor Bailey started for the witness, who seemed ready to meet him. Deputy Sheriff White stopped Senator Bailey and trouble was avoided.

The senator then, apologized to the committee, declaring that he had been irritated so much during the past few weeks that he could hardly help his action. He asserted that it was hard to keep from denouncing what he knew to be lies.

Representative Coke retorted that Bailey had legal advisors who were able to take care of his interests.

## BRIGGS IS NEW SENATOR

**Succeeds John F. Dryden of New Jersey Who Retires on Account of Health.**

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 6.—In joint session here yesterday the legislature chose Frank O. Briggs, of Trenton, to succeed John P. Dryden, in the United States senate. He received 41 out of 78 votes cast. Senator Ackerman (Republican) voted for ex-Governor Briggs and Senator Colby voted for Justice Pitney.

James E. Martin, the Democratic nominee, received 35 votes. There were two Democratic absentees. The only Republican absentee was Assemblyman Bucks, who is sick.

Mr. Briggs was born in New Hampshire in 1859. He was a student at Phillips Exeter academy and was graduated from West Point in 1872. He served in the second United States cavalry as second lieutenant until 1877 when he resigned to enter the employ of the John A. Roebling Sons' company here as an engineer, and is now assistant treasurer of the concern.

He has always been prominently identified with politics since leaving the army. He was elected mayor of Trenton in 1899 and in 1902 Governor Voorhees appointed him state treasurer which position he still holds.

In 1904 Mr. Briggs was elected chairman of the Republican state committee, and is still at the head of the committee.

## SULTAN'S TROOPS EXTERMINATE NATIVES

Tangier, Feb. 6.—Terrible punishment was inflicted today upon unruly tribe natives near Elksar, which refused to submit to the Sultan. Troops attacked the camp and utterly destroyed the entire tribe, men, women and children being butchered indiscriminately.

## HEARS JAMAICA'S CALL.



## WHITE THREATENED TO KILL THAW, SAYS WITNESS BOWMAN

## PROTECTOR HAS FLED

**And the Widow Bequeathed to "Jim" McCausland is Left Penniless by His Disappearance**

St. Louis, February 6.—Pathos marks the career of "Jim" McCausland, "friend of the widow and the orphan," who is being sought by creditors. McCausland, who was formerly Cashier of the Bank of Maplewood, has caused a shower of attachment and partition suits to fall upon properties in which the missing man was interested, in an endeavor of creditors to secure paper given by the absent business man.

Prominent among these is his wife, Mrs. Eliza V. McCausland, formerly Miss Eliza V. McMurry.

Mrs. McCausland was given to her husband by her former husband, Hugh T. McMurry, on his death. Mrs. McMurry and McCausland were bosom friends. They had been boon companions in lodge and business affairs, and as McMurry had supreme confidence in McCausland's ability as a provider, he brought his friend, in his dying moments to love and protect his spouse.

After the death of McMurry, McCausland and the widow married. How well McCausland kept his trust is shown in the statement of the wife that she is now penniless. When her husband died, she had in the neighborhood of \$10,000 and a home. Her dowry was showered upon her second husband. Later the home was mortgaged.

## MANY ARE HOMELESS

**Fire in Roxburg, Mass. Tenement Kills One and Injures Thirteen**

Boston, Mass., Feb. 6.—Fire, which raged for five hours early today through a block of tenements in Roxbury, killed one man, injured thirteen persons and left 150 homeless and destitute, besides causing a property loss estimated at \$100,000. Owing to the deep snow, firemen worked under the greatest difficulties. Many thrilling ladder rescues were performed.

**Testified That White had Once Shown Him a Revolver and Said That He Would Kill Thaw Before Morning.**

**On This Occasion, the Witness Stated, White had Called Thaw a Vile Name, and Thaw's Mother and Sister Took Advantage of Judge's Permission to Leave the Room.**

New York, February 6.—Following a council of the attorneys for Harry Thaw, just previous to the opening of court this morning, in which the defendant took a part, it was announced that throughout the rest of the hearing, Delphin M. Delmas would be in charge of the defense, assisted by Attorney Daniel O'Reilly, Attorneys Gleason, Hart, ridge, McPike and Peabody act in an advisory capacity.

District Attorney Jerome opened proceedings with a long exposition on the objection to the introduction of certain testimony admitted yesterday relative to the question of insanity tests.

When Thaw came into the courtroom today he appeared to be on the verge of a nervous collapse. It is evident that he fully appreciated what a crazy mess was made of the first round in his defense yesterday.

The Countess of Yarmouth, Mr. and Mrs. George Carnegie and Joseph and Edward Thaw were in their accustomed seats today. Mrs. William Thaw and Evelyn Thaw remained in the clerk's room. The wife saw her husband for a few minutes in the prisoners' pen.

Attorney Delmas called Benjamin Bowman, a doorkeeper at the Madison Square Garden theatre as his first witness. Bowman said he had a conversation in 1900 with White about Thaw. "White came to me after a show," said Bowman, "and asked if Evelyn Nesbit had been home. I told him yes, and he said I was a g-d—liar. I told him to go and see for himself. White came back and putting his hand in his pocket and drawing a revolver, said, 'I'll find and kill that son of-a-bitch. I saw Thaw on 14th Avenue five days later and told him about it.' Bowman said White's face was black with rage when he made the threat."

Justice Fitzgerald at this point said "if any ladies are present whose sense of propriety might be offended by any language likely to be developed in the testimony, they may now have an opportunity of leaving the court." Countess of Yarmouth and Mrs. Carnegie quickly left the room. Jerome then took up the cross examination of Bowman, carrying the witness slowly and carefully over all the details of his life. While Bowman was being cross-examined the Countess of Yarmouth and Mrs. Carnegie returned to the room.

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## COMPELLED TO DISROBE BEFORE HER EMPLOYER

**Woman Clerk in Pittsburg Store Charged With Stealing and Subsequently Subjected to Indignities for Which She Asks Twenty Thousand Dollars Damages.**

Pittsburg, Penn., Feb. 6.—Because she was compelled to remove all her clothing by the house detective and the manager, Mrs. Mayme Kerr, of Allegheny, former employee of Joseph Horne & Co., one of the biggest department store firms in Pennsylvania, is suing the firm for \$20,000 damages. The whole fuss was over 25 cents.

Mrs. Kerr, who is a beautiful, shapely woman of 22 years, sets forth that, as her husband is an invalid, she is compelled to work for their living; that she obtained employment with the firm she now sues; that she one day bought 15 cents worth of lunch tickets at the house restaurant, and while eating her dinner there was hauled roughly away by Joseph C. Wasson, the manager, and the house detective—a woman—who charged her with stealing from the firm. They accused her of having bought the tickets for lunch with a marked quarter, which had been spent at her counter a few minutes before, and that for the purpose of a search in the presence of Wasson and others, she was compelled to take off her clothing and submit to many other indignities. She was sworn at, and after being allowed to resume her clothing was taken to her home by detectives who searched her house for goods which they alleged had been stolen. Nothing was found.

## TWO VESSELS ARE IN PERIL FIRING DISTRESS SIGNALS

**All Night Long They Beat About in a Terrific Sea Which Prevents Tug Boats From Getting Near Enough to Render Material Assistance.**

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 6.—Two unknown ocean steamships, one of which is thought to be disabled and the other is known to be, were anchored last night in a dangerous position at Ketch harbor, a few miles west of this city, and the lives of those on board are in peril.

The ships are less than a quarter of a mile off shore and within 100 yards of the breakers. A tremendous sea is running, and the spray from the surf has been dashing over the vessels, freezing as it falls.

The steamers have fired several guns and are sending up rockets, but on account of the terrific sea no aid could be given the vessels last night. One of the Ketch harbor pilots said that one of the steamers was the Mystic of the Dominion Coal company's fleet engaged in the Louisville-Boston trade. The two steamers arrived at Ketch harbor, a small cove between Sambro Island and the entrance to Halifax harbor during a thick snowstorm. One steamer was towing the other. At dark they displayed signals of distress, and guns were discharged at intervals during the night.

Two tugboats were sent from this city, but they could render no assistance and were obliged to return. Later, the Canadian government steamer Aberdeen was sent to the aid of the steamers, and, though unable to be of any material assistance, prepared to stand by.

## BAILEY GETS MAD

**Dramatic Scene Enacted at Investigation, for Which Bailey Afterward Apologizes.**

Austin, Texas, Feb. 5.—A dramatic scene was enacted in the Bailey investigation shortly after the legislative committee resumed consideration of the charges against the senator.

E. N. Metz, of Houston, was on the stand when Representative Coke who is prosecuting the charges against Senator Bailey asked Mr. Metz if Colonel Cowart, of Dallas, went to New York to see Bailey when he was there. Ostensibly to have his throat treated, but was really there to attend to business for the Kirby Lumber company.

Senator Bailey, who has just entered the room a few minutes before arose and said that any one who said that Cowart went to New York to see him was a liar.

## EMPEROR WILL IMPROVE THE GERMAN NAVY GREATLY

**Returns From the Election Show That He will Have Majority of Thirty-three in Next Reichstag—He will Probably Inaugurate a Broader Imperial Policy.**

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The German government is now free to continue undisturbed, its policy of imperialism which has been the keynote of the Emperor's reign. Practically complete returns from the election show that in the next Reichstag, the Emperor will have a majority of 33. It is believed the Emperor will inaugurate a broader imperial policy and increase the navy.

## ALL CUBANS MUST BE SOLDIERS, SAYS MAGOON

**Governor has Issued a Proclamation to Increase the Rural Guard to Ten Thousand Men and the Artillery to Two Thousand.**

Havana, Feb. 6.—Governor Magoon has issued a decree prescribing the organization of the new Cuban army. After quoting the law of September 15, 1906, providing for the increase of the rural guard to 10,000 men and the artillery to 2,000 men, the decree declares all able-bodied citizens, between 21 and 45 years of age, shall constitute the national forces, which shall consist of a permanent army and a force of militia.

The permanent army is to be designated "the armed force of the Republic." The militia while in service, will be subject to the same discipline as the regular force. The permanent army shall consist of a general staff, a corps of rural guards, a corps of field artillery and a corps of coast artillery, the whole under command of a Major General.

## HANCOCK FAIR MANAGERS HAVE MUCH TROUBLE

Findlay, Feb. 6.—The annual meeting of the Hancock County Agricultural society came near ending in a free-for-all fight, and as a result three directors, Charles Jones, Albert Carter and James Frantz have resigned. Some of the members claimed the board was not authorized to transact any of the business that belonged to the old board. The secretary, William DeLand, will tender his resignation at the next meeting.